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Letter dated 17 July 1995 from the Permanent Representative of Malaysia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of a statement by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Malaysia concerning the situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina, in particular the safe area of Srebrenica.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under item 28 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) RAZALI Ismail
Permanent Representative

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ANNEX

Statement on Srebrenica by the Honourable
Datuk Abdullah H. Ahmad Badawi, Minister
for Foreign Affairs

That the United Nations and NATO have abandoned Srebrenica to the Serbs, leaving the other enclaves exposed to greater threat, is a scandalous and outrageous act on their part.

Srebrenica has shown that the so-called United Nations safe areas are only safe for the aggressors to brutalize, kill, rape and destroy. The civilians, women and children are not protected but left entirely at the mercy of the Serbian terrorists. Where is the credibility of the United Nations and NATO?

Malaysia once again reiterates, in the strongest terms, its condemnation of this latest Serbian act of aggression. We call upon the United Nations Security Council and NATO, the most powerful alliance in the world, to stop the Serbs by the use of all available means, including military action and air strikes.

If the United Nations and the major Powers choose simply to stand aside with their hands tied and eyes closed, unwilling and hesitant to fulfil their mandate and responsibility in Bosnia and Herzegovina, let the Bosnian people exercise their inherent right of self-defence with the immediate lifting of the arms embargo and let them invite others who are prepared to save the Bosnian people and nation.